(a) the details of the existing airports recently upgraded into international airports with criteria adopted for such upgradation;

(b) whether such upgradation is contemplated in respect of other airports, including Mangalore Airport and setup new airports at other locations; and

(c) if so, the details with the reasons and the time-frame for completion of each projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The airports at Jaipur and Calicut have recently been declared as international airports. The essential parameters to consider declaring of an airport as international, *inter-alia*, include international sector traffic potential, requirements of airlines, availability of international cargo complex, adequate size of terminal building, night landing facilities, landing facilities, navigational aids, custom immigration, health and plant quarntine etc. and bilateral agreement with foreign countries.

(b)and(c) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has decided to modernise 35 non-metro airports including Mangalore to world-class standards in phases upto the year 2010-11 with focus on airside and city side development at the estimated cost of Rs. 4662 crore.

Development of Belgaum Airport

2259. SHRI K.B.KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has requested the Central Government to take up the improvement of terminal buliding and security measures of the Belgaum airport in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the proposed works; and

(c) what is the present position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cost of the project is yet to be estimated.

(c) The project is at planning stage and is likely to be taken up in 2006-07.